

Stewardship Campaign

Sunday, November 11 **Commitment Sunday**
Both Services
Sanctuary

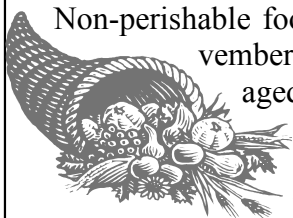
Prayerfully consider how you might dedicate and commit your gifts of time, talent, and treasure in 2008. *"They are to do good, be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life."* 1 Timothy 6:18-19

United in Christ's love, we glorify God through worship, nurture and service to all people.

Sunday Mornings

8:45 am Worship Service
9:55 am Church School
for all ages
11:00 am Worship Service

Annual Traditional Thanksgiving Cornucopia Sunday, November 18



Non-perishable food items will be collected throughout the month of November for the Fort Mill Care Center. Each person is encouraged to put at least one food item (more if able) in the collection boxes. Boxes are located in the Narthex and the hallway to the Fellowship Hall. Food will be distributed to local families for Thanksgiving. Suggestions are rice, cereal, tuna, grits, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned milk, pasta, spaghetti sauce, sugar, ravioli, canned meats, dried beans, all kinds of soups, peanut butter and jelly.

Prayer Shawls

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Join us for the next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting on Tuesday, November 13, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall Parlor. Previous experience is NOT required.

Offering for Thornwell Home Sunday, November 18

On Sunday, November 18, we will receive a special offering for the Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC. Since opening its doors 132 years ago, Thornwell has been the unique ministry of Presbyterians in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida to hurting children and broken families.



Thornwell's children come from conditions of emotional or physical abuse, family violence, neglect, or their parents' illness, alcoholism, or drug abuse. Most have not known the joys, the discoveries, or the accomplishments of a stable childhood. Through this ministry, the Church keeps its baptismal promise to care for children and to raise them to know, love, and serve the Lord. Here we offer them hope that changes their lives forever.

In an age when many children's homes rely on government grants to support their programs, Thornwell remains privately funded as a ministry of the Presbyterian Church, USA. Please be generous in your support and your prayers. Make checks payable to Unity Presbyterian Church and use the special Thornwell offering envelopes provided on November 18. Together we can offer hope and change lives forever.

Habitat Work Day Saturday, November 17

Unity will work in Rock Hill on a Habitat home being built for Andrea McCullough and her three children on Saturday, November 17, at 8:00 am. We will most likely be painting inside and/or installing interior trim and doors. Please contact Steve Hardy at stevehardy59@yahoo.com or at 547-2042 if you want to help.

Mission Bake Sale Sunday, November 18

The 3rd grade Sunday School class will hold its Annual Mission Bake Sale. Proceeds will be spent on Angel Tree presents. Be ready to eat! Thank you for your support of this mission project. Every year, Unity's 3rd graders look forward to giving nice Christmas presents to their Angels.

Canned Food Challenge

Just a reminder to bring canned food items to your Sunday School classes on Sunday, November 11. The class that collects the most cans and the class with the highest average of cans per student will win a donut party. So far, the 3rd graders and the 5th graders are leading the Challenge. All items will be displayed in Unity's Cornucopia on Sunday, November 18 and then distributed to the Fort Mill Care Center.

Gulf Coast Mission Trip

Although Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged the US Gulf Coast and Florida 2 years ago, there is still much work to be done. Consider joining Unity's Mission trip to Gulfport Mississippi, January 20-26, 2008. Leave Sunday, return Saturday. Contact Joe Sistare 517-9274 with questions or to express interest.

Annual Christmas Auction Monday, December 3, 2007

by the Tony Dehler Circle



All proceeds are divided equally between the Nutrition Center and the Fort Mill Care Center. Plan on joining us for this annual holiday event.

Newsletter Publication

Next Issue: Thursday, Nov. 15
Deadline: Sunday, Nov. 11, 6 pm
Submit information to:
B r y n n e F i s h e r a t
bryanne@yourcardsolution.com.
Looking ahead, there will be NO newsletter the week of Christmas. The final newsletter of 2007 will have a deadline of Sunday, December 16, and will be dated Thursday, December 20. The first newsletter of 2008 will have a deadline of Sunday, December 30, 2007 and will be dated Thursday, January 3, 2008.

Unity Playgroup Friday, November 9

Join Unity's Playgroup at Monkey Joe's in Pineville on Friday, November 9 at 10 am. The cost is \$6.00 per child. For directions, please check their website at www.monkeyjoes.com. This should be lots of fun so please join us!

Visit to the Billy Graham Library Monday, November 26

The Lunch Bunch and any other interested adults will visit the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte on Monday, November 26. We will meet in front of the church near the old manse/Boy Scout building at 10:00 AM and carpool together. Our tour begins at 10:30, where we will journey through history, from Billy Graham's humble beginnings on the family dairy farm to becoming a worldwide evangelist. We will experience state of the art exhibits, multi-media displays and films, as well as visiting Billy Graham's boyhood home and a bookstore. We will enjoy a dutch treat lunch in the Graham Brothers Dairy Bar and return to the church between 1:00 and 1:30.

Please plan to join us for this special outing. If you can provide transportation for those who might not be comfortable driving to Charlotte, please contact Jeannie at 547-5543 or pjbickett@comporium.net.

Mission Challenge 2007

Presbyterians are at work around the world! Christ came to serve all God's people. For the last 170 years, Presbyterians have sent thousands of men and women across the globe to teach, to preach, and to heal. Today the Presbyterian Church USA works with partner churches and organizations in more than 90 countries, and missionaries serve in nearly 70 countries. Our goal is to increase the number of mission workers and partnerships in coming years. Unity has a long history of supporting mission work and missionaries. Through our annual budget, we currently give generous support to Tim and Gloria Wheeler in Honduras and to Hospital Saint Croix in Haiti, along with numerous other local and global mission ministries. Please come by the church office and pick up a Mission Challenge 07 brochure and offering envelope if you would like make a special gift to support Presbyterian Missionaries Worldwide.

Blood Drive Tuesday, November 27

Donors Needed

*Blood saves lives—and it is always needed. Did you know that every 2 seconds in America someone needs blood? But only 5% of the eligible US population donates blood in any given year. Healthy donors are the only source of blood, and **giving blood is simple and convenient.***

Unity's blood drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 27, from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. There will be a sign up sheet available after worship on November 18 and November 25, or contact the church office (803) 547-5543 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are not required but recommended. Walk-ins are always welcome. If you are unable to donate blood but would like to help, please consider providing some homemade goodies such as cookies or trail mix. These items may be left in the Fellowship hall before the blood drive.

Christmas Communion

The Session would like to extend the opportunity to all Elders, past and present, to assist in serving Communion during the Christmas season. There are a number of opportunities in which to help. There will be three Christmas Eve services on December 24: 4pm, 6pm, and 11pm, during which Communion will be shared. During the week before Christmas, the Pastors and Elders share Communion with many home bound, nursing home, assisted living, and retirement village congregational members.

If you are interested in serving and sharing Communion as an Elder during this time, please contact Amanda Masters, Clerk of Session at (803) 548-6353, or sign up on line at the Unity Website. (Communion to home bound members will be coordinated at various times through Jeannie Bickett.) This is an important and meaningful ministry.

Sunday Morning Service November 11, 2007

Nursery

Nursery Coordinator: Lynn Ringley
 8:45 am Infants Gretchen Whitesell
 2's & 3's Caroline Ficklen
 11:00 am Infants Brent and Vonda Miller
 2's & 3's Brenda Mullis

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's Michelle Kuhn and Ginny Munson
 5&6's Tammie Welch and Cindy Keenum
 11:00 am 4's Dawn Rackley and Ashley Groot
 5&6's Brynne Fisher, Layne Fisher and
 Rene Stokes

Greeters

8:45 am Jan Nelson
 11:00 am Jennifer Bowman

Ushers

8:45 am Bob Schaefer, Emma Bickett, Ken
 Bickett, Charlie Boyette, Patty Barron
 11:00 am Heather Wolfe, Kearns Little, Mike
 Brown, Ashton Wolfe, Kaylee Wolfe,
 Chris Wolfe, Barbara Bowden

Welcome Center

8:45 am Ron Godfrey
 11:00 am John Welker

Happy Birthday!

November 19 Jerry Brady, Catherine Cole, Buddy Culp,
 Jennifer Ficklen
 20 Greg Camenisch, Paul Diedrich,
 Reed Perkins, John Wolf
 21 Bob Derrick, Emelia Howell, Ira Ussery,
 Jim Wilson
 22 Elizabeth Culp, Matt Diedrich, Olivia Weeks
 23 Beverly Bayne, Joe Swinford, Carter Thomasson
 24 Joseph Banks, Lauren Ficklen
 25 Kearns Little, Dan Pierce, Pat Welker



Circle of Friends Important Dates

- Dec. 4 at 6:30 pm in the home of Pam Kay. It is a covered dish dinner. Bring your favorite dish.
- Jan. 8 at 6:30 pm in the home of Amanda Masters. It is a covered dish dinner. Bring your favorite dish.
- Feb. 5 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall Parlor
- Mar 4 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall Parlor
- Apr 1 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall Parlor
- May 6 at 6:30 pm in the Home of Toni Rush. It is covered dish. Bring your favorite dish.

Extended Nursing Care

Ethel Clarke — Alterra Sterling House, Rock Hill
 Anne Elliott — Laurel Crest, West Columbia
 Dot Hill — Westminster, Rock Hill
 Pug & Dot Hollis — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Clinton
 Alice Horten — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Clinton
 Harry Miller — Westminster, Rock Hill
 Sis Moredock — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Summerville
 Trudie Robertson — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Clinton

Joys

We rejoice with Linda and Barry Hollandsworth and family in the birth of their grandson, Vann Edward Roe.

Prayers of Concern

Larry Huntley's mother;
 Bruce Marshall's mother

Please continue to remember those with special needs.

Attendance & Offering November 4, 2007

8:45 am:	233
11:00 am:	225
Unity Hall:	31
Total Worship Attendance:	489
Sunday School:	237
Regular Offering:	\$22,491.98
Debt Reduction:	\$2,385.00

Unity has no debt as of October 10.

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Return Service Requested

November 8, 2007

Dear Friends,

For the last five weeks we've considered the meaning of this year's stewardship theme *Generations of Gratitude: United in Christ's Love*. What a joy it has been to hear the testimonies of generations of our members in worship, to read the devotionals written for this newsletter, to be reminded of our wonderful diversity through the Unity quilt, and to see the incredible variety of our outreach through the Ministries Fair. It's been a great season of stewardship emphasis and I am grateful for the many reminders of our blessedness as a church.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

Now the time has come for Consecration Sunday. On Sunday, November 11, we will make our commitments of time, talent, and treasure in worship. Please bring your commitment sheets with you to worship this week for a time of joint dedication. If you've misplaced your sheets or never received one, please contact the church office right away for a replacement, or they are available for download from Unity's website www.unityfortmill.org. These commitments are crucial to our planning for next year and your response this week will help us greatly as we look to the year 2008. And thanks for what you'll be doing to keep our ministry strong and healthy.

In Christ's Service,
Dan